ject namely Bhimsagar though taken up in the First Plan, are still ongoing.

(c) and (d) Full spillover cost has been provided for completion of these projects in the VIII plan.

**Vaigai System in Tamil Nadu**

1430. SHRI S.VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank team has studied the proposal to develop Vaigai system to Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome of the conclusion arrived at by the World Bank team ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) Only recently from April 6 to 27, 1993 the World Bank consultants visited the Vaigai System to study and prepare a model report on the existing system which, among others, includes formation of connecting channels, lining of existing channels at selected reaches, rehabilitation of existing irrigation structures and construction of new structures.

**Potteru Canal System in Orissa**

1431. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present status of Potteru Canal System in the state of Orissa;

(b) what is the total amount and time required to complete the said Project; and

(c) what is the Central Government's share of financial assistance to be released for the purpose and what Central Government's share is due up till now for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Potteru Canal System comprises of 2 main canals, 9 distributaries and minor/sub-minors. About 99% of earth work and 95.5% of structures on the main canals and 81 % of earth work and 28.2 % of structures on distributaries/minors/ sub-minors have been completed.

(b) and (c) The Potteru Irrigation Project, bring implemented by the Government of Orissa, is fully funded by the Central Government. The latest estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 102.39 crores. Against an expenditure of Rs. 79.80 crores incurred by the State Government till 12/92, an amount of Rs. 59.69 crores has been reimbursed by the Central Government. The project is scheduled for completion by 1995-96.

**Brahmaputra Board without Chairman and Secretary**

1432. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Brahmaputra Board is functioning without the Chairman and the Secretary;

(b) steps being taken to fill in these posts;

(c) what are the main achievements of this Board since its inception; and

(d) the steps being taken to make the Board more effective in its functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The post of Chairman is vacant from 1st January, 1993. In his absence the Vice Chairman is exercising and discharging the duties of Chairman. The General Manager of the Brahmaputra Board is looking after the work of Secertary. The selection process for manning the post has started and is likely to be finalised early.

(c)and(d) The Brahmaputra Board has prepared Master Plans Part-1 and Part-II for Brahmaputra and Barak rivers, respectively. About 65 % of Master Plan Part-Ill, pertaining to tributaries of Brahmaputra & Barak have been also completed. These have been sent to the North Eastern States and other Central agencies for taking further steps leading to implementation.

**External Aid to ongoing Irrigation Projects**

1433. DR. NARREDDY THUL-LASI REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the ongoing irrigation Projects that are receiving external assistance and what is the amount sanctioned to each project; and

(b) what are the irrigation projects that are posed for external assistance and what is the stage of each of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) A Statement indicating the names of ongoing foreign assisted irrigation projects and the quantum of assistance is attached as Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) A Statement indicating the names of irrigation projects posed for external assistance with their present status is attached as Statement-II.

**Statement-I**

*Names of on-going Irrigation Projects that are receiving external assistance and the Amount of assistance to each Project*

| Sl. No. | Name of the project | | Amount of external assistance (as on 31-3-93) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | A.P. Composite Irrigation-II Project .. | .. US$ | 215.110 | Million |
| 2. | Bihar Public Tubewells-II Project .. | .. US$ | 26,630 | Million |
| 3. | Gujarat Medium Irrigation Project-II .. | .. US$ | 203.880 | Million |
| 4. | Upper Krishna Phase-II Irrigation Project | .. US$ | 247.500 | Million |
| 5. | Maharashtra Composite Irrigation Project-III | .. US$ | 224.220 | Million |